DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment;

Comment Request for Form 1094-B and Form 1095-B

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1094-B, *Transmittal of Health Coverage Information Returns* and Form 1095-B, *Health Coverage*.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS

AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]
to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to omb.unit@irs.gov.

Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-2252 – Public Comment Request Notice" in the Subject line. Requests for additional information or copies of this collection can be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting of health insurance coverage.

OMB Number: 1545-2252.

Project Number: TD 9660, Form 1094-B, and Form 1095-B.

Abstract: This collection covers final regulations providing guidance to providers of minimum essential health coverage that are subject to the information reporting requirements of section 6055 of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 6055 requires every person who provides minimum essential coverage to file returns reporting information for everyone for whom they provide minimum essential coverage. Form 1095-B, *Health*

Coverage, was created for reporting this information. Form 1094-B, Transmittal of Health Coverage Information Returns, is used to transmit Form 1095-B.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 125,030,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 11 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,088,333

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: January 5, 2022.

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